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VIA FACSIMILE

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RE: 68th Street Dump Site

Dear Mr. Rich:

Although it is incumbent upon the Agency to identify and respond in a reasoned manner to significant comments received during the notice and comment period, in keeping with the rule making process, EPA findings and conclusions will be presented in conjunction with the promulgation of the Site as a final rule.

With respect to Site sampling, EPA will not conduct any sampling or testing during the visit next week. Rather, the EPA and Maryland Department of the Environmental (MDE) representatives intend to conduct a walk-through at the Site to select sampling locations for field work to be done in the early spring. The scope and type of sampling will be determined following the initial site visit. The Agency will be in a better position to provide specific information to your client regarding the proposed sampling following the site visit.

EPA's current request for access is limited to the walk-through visit currently scheduled to take place February 3, 2000 through February 10, 2000. Please indicate whether access to your client's property will be provided, so that the Agency may plan accordingly.

Very truly yours,



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